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Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: S. Prasad
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Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)

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In the Claims

Please enter rewritten claims 64, 104, 120, 123 and 124 as follows.

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